

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING
MATERIAL FROM A STORAGE MEDIUM**

10 A portable material transfer unit allows for the loading and unloading of a
material from a storage medium. The portable material transfer unit is a self-
contained unit that can be moved to any location accessible by motorized vehicle
without the need for pneumatic or electrical hook-ups. Thus, the portable material
transfer unit can be used to load or unload material from railroad tank cars in
15 temporary locations not generally considered to be loading or unloading stations.
Also, the portable material transfer unit can transfer material from railroad tank cars
without the need for repositioning of the cars by a locomotive. Furthermore, the
portable material transfer unit can quickly and easily be converted from an unloading
position to a transporting position so that the portable material transfer unit can be
20 towed on any highway or public access road.

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